

**WILLIAMSBURG PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
2005 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WORK SESSION #2  
Tuesday, January 27, 2004**

A work session of the Williamsburg Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, January 27, 3:30 p.m., in Conference Room 3A, Municipal Building, 401 Lafayette Street.

**ATTENDANCE AND CALL TO ORDER**

Present were Commissioners Freiling, Young, Hertzler, McBeth, Pons and Smith. Commissioner Friend was absent. Also present was Planning Director Nester and Zoning Administrator Murphy.

Mr. Freiling called the meeting to order.

**OPEN FORUM**

Jeanne Jackson, 509 Suri Drive, and Linda CAmpanelli, 201 Suri Drive, said that they were present because they were interested in the Capitol Landing Road corridor (they reside in Brandywyne).

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Commissioners discussed the proposed Capital Improvement Program, with emphasis on FY05. The following areas of interest were discussed:

- Plans for remodeling/reconstruction of the Stryker Building
- Playground in the downtown area – Matthew Whaley can't be used during the school day
- Underground wiring by petition – the need to have 100% participation from a petitioning neighborhood discourages the process
- Underground wiring on York Street where the power lines go over the railroad tracks near the Yorkshire Restaurant
- Underground wiring on Capitol Landing Road – underground wiring needs to be the priority, not hiding wires with landscaping
- City goal should be underground utilities along all entrance corridors
- Sidewalk/trail improvements in the Skipwith/Longhill Road area
- Sidewalk construction on Prince George Street between Henry and Nassau – a better connection is needed between the Prince George Parking Garage and the historic area
- Sidewalk construction along the Visitor Center side of Bypass Road
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It was suggested that Commissioners email Reed Nester their sidewalk concerns within the week for inclusion in the Commission's comments on the Capital Improvement Program.

## **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Commissioners discussed their major concerns for the Comprehensive Plan update, and developed the following list:

### Vision

- A compelling vision for the City needs to be articulated

### Housing and Neighborhoods

- Preserving integrity of neighborhoods
- Student housing
- Proper mix of single family and multifamily housing
- Alternative ways to regulate rental housing (rental housing is a business)
- Number of unrelated tenants allowed
- An alternate use of High Street property could be for off-campus housing

### Economic Development

- What is the mission of the City for providing economic vitality
- What happens with less tourism – need to diversify
- More focus on tourism and economic benefits of the College needed
- County residents less dependant on City
- Hospital relocation – loss of jobs and re-use of property
- Future of Richmond Road properties between Monticello Avenue and Brooks Street
- Alternate or back-up uses for High Street – project competes with other City initiatives – off-campus housing a possibility

### Urban Design

- Enhance aesthetic character of City, but balance with economic development
- City has critical mass of aesthetically pleasing buildings
- Promote a living/breathing City that brings people together (e.g. Farmer's Market, community playgrounds)
- Better directional signage

### Transportation

- Impact on neighborhoods
- Jamestown Road along the College
- Pedestrian friendly
- Reducing the size of parking spaces not the answer

- Need for new traffic lights/street lights

#### Colonial Williamsburg

- Future uses around the Historic Area
- Coordinate master planning with City and College

#### College of William & Mary

- What is the primary entrance to the Campus
- Coordinate master planning with City and CW
- How is access provided for parking
- Student housing

#### Infrastructure

- Long-term, safe and sufficient water supply

#### Interjurisdictional

- How do the County plans affect the City?

#### Other

- Problem with feral cats – need for cat leash law

Commissioners prepared a “dot map,” placing dots on their areas of major concern. The largest concentration of dots were in the following areas:

- Jamestown Road alongside the W&M new campus
- Hospital property
- Richmond Road between Brooks Street and Monticello Avenue
- Monticello Shopping Center
- Monticello/Ironbound intersection
- High Street
- Capitol Landing Road corridor
- York Street corridor at City limits
- Richmond Road corridor west of Governor Berkeley
- Quarterpath Road/Rt. 199 intersection

Other dotted areas were:

- Residential areas
  - Rose’s Trailer Court
  - Colonial Towne Apartments area
  - Skipwith/Longhill Woods
  - Highland Park
  - College Terrace
  - West Williamsburg Heights

- Capitol Heights
  - Pinecrest
  - The Oaks
- Commercial areas
  - College Corner
  - Williamsburg Motors property
  - Lafayette Street east of Chesapeake Bank
- Vacant property
  - CWF Planning Area
  - Casey Field
- Parks and open space
  - College Creek Nature Area (Boyd/Thompson property)
  - Waller Mill Park
- Intersections
  - Jamestown Road/John Tyler Lane
  - Ironbound Road/Longhill Road
  - Bicentennial Park
- W&M Facilities Management area
- Stryker Building

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Paul Freiling, Chairman  
Williamsburg Planning Commission